

Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. (Original) A resin composition comprising a tackifying resin and at least one phosphorous containing surfactant comprising a branched alkyl and/or alkenyl group and a polyoxyalkylene group.
2. (Original) A resin composition according to claim 1 wherein the at least one phosphorous containing surfactant is at least one phosphate ester.
3. (Currently amended) A resin composition according to ~~either one of claims 1 and 2~~ ~~claim 1~~ wherein the branched group is an alkyl group comprising in the range from 8 to 20 carbon atoms.
4. (Currently amended) A resin composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ ~~claim 1~~ wherein the longest linear chain of the branched alkyl and/or alkenyl group comprises in the range from 7 to 12 carbon atoms.
5. (Currently amended) A resin composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ ~~claim 1~~ where the branched alkyl and/or alkenyl group comprises in the range from 1.6 to 6 side-branches on average by number.
6. (Original) A resin composition according to claim 5 wherein at least one side-branch comprises in the range from 1 to 3 carbon atoms.
7. (Currently amended) A resin composition according to ~~either one of the claims 6 and 7~~ ~~claim 6~~ wherein greater than 50% by number of the side-branches are methyl groups.

8. (Currently amended) A resin composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the polyoxyalkylene group is of the formula $(C_mH_{2m}O)_n$ wherein m is 2, 3 or 4, and n is in the range from 5 to 15.
9. (Currently amended) A resin composition according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the tackifying resin is a rosin and/or derivatives thereof, and/or a hydrocarbon resin.
10. (Original) A pressure sensitive adhesive comprising a tackifying resin and at least one phosphorous containing surfactant comprising a branched alkyl and/or alkenyl group and a polyoxyalkylene group.